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MENAI BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

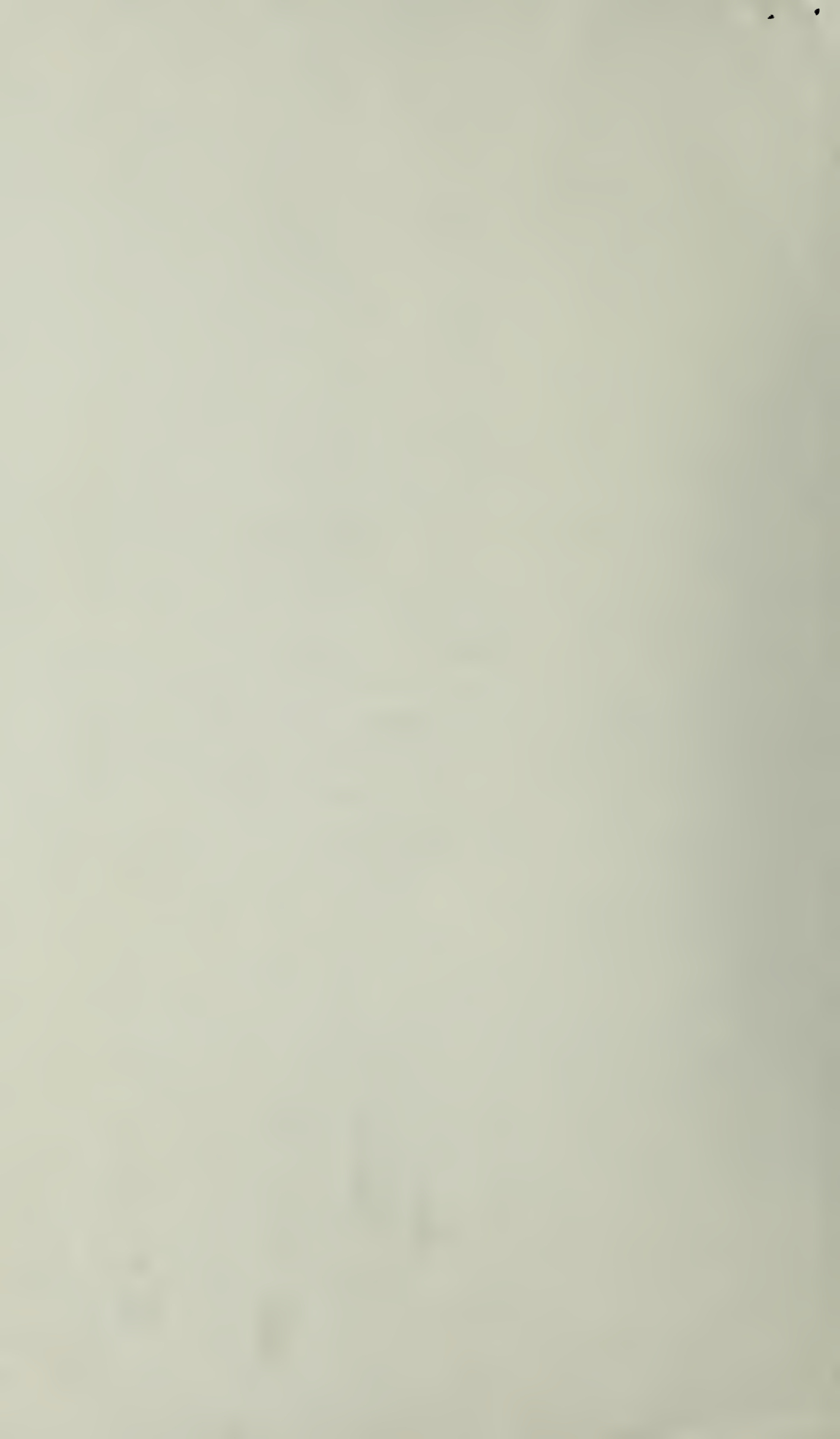
for the year

1968

Incorporating the report of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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MENAI BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1968

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

I have the honour to present the 18th Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, being a report on the health of the Urban District in 1968.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population for the mid-year 1968 was 2330, an increase of 10 in comparison with the previous year. In noting the trend of the population some interest may be obtained in observing the following past years and figures:-

1950 = 1,889

1955 = 2,000

1960 = 2,090

The Urban District area in acres remains static. The number of Council Houses is 200.

The number of Births within the District was 47 while the number of Deaths was 28. There was no death due to Tuberculosis but three cases were notified, two females and 1 male ages 20, 25 and 54.

No epidemics of any character appeared among the inhabitants, and the Urban District community again enjoyed a commendable degree of good health. For such favourable circumstances appreciation is felt for the commendable work of colleagues in General Practice, District Midwife and Health Visitor together with all voluntary workers in the Clinic.

The Report of the Public Health Inspector is included for which appreciation is recorded for his co-operation and satisfactory procedure in maintaining a recommendable hygienic standard within the District. It is recommended that his observations on Public Conveniences and Food Hygiene be noted. Further, it would be appreciated if the Council maintained interest especially with the first mentioned. Year after year there is evidence of more people visiting and going through this delightful gateway to the Isle of Anglesey. Tourism is on the increase and everywhere and this particular facility is the first observation of the public. Good satisfactory facilities always proves most welcome and reflexes on the industry and interest of a Council.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Clerk and his staff for a most sincere and pleasing co-operation in all matters concerning the health environment of the District. Also I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman and members of the Health and Housing Committees for their interest, confidence and pleasant co-operation.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

W. ARTHUR JONES

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	825
Population (Registrar General's mid 1968 estimate)	2,330
Number of inhabited houses	1,054
Number of Council Houses	200
Rateable Value as at 31.3.68	£84,645
Sum produced by the Penny Rate as at 31.3.68	£322

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	21	23	44
Illegitimate	2	1	3
	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>47</u>

The Birth Rate per 1,000 population was 20.1. Rates for previous years were 1967 - 12.6; 1966 - 19.0; 1965 - 17.7; 1964 - 19.7. The Birth Rate for Anglesey in 1968 was 18.7; England and Wales - 16.9.

The adjusted Birth Rate for Menai Bridge was 23.0.

Stillbirths

Nil.

Deaths

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
16	12	28

The Death Rate per 1,000 population was 12.0. The Rate for Anglesey was 12.7; England and Wales - 11.9.

Maternal Deaths

Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age

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TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES)

<u>CAUSE OF DEATH</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
1. Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	-	1
2. Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	3	-
3. Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	2	2
4. Hypertensive Disease	-	1
5. Ischaemic Heart Disease	3	2
6. Cerebrovascular Disease	4	2
7. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	1
8. Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	-
9. Hyperlasia of Prostate	1	-
10. Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	2
11. Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	-	1
12. Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-
TOTAL	16	12



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PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Notifiable disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

Table showing cases notified during the year, classified into age groups

DISEASE	-1	1+	2+	3+	4+	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+	?
Measles	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	6	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Respiratory/Non Respiratory</u>
20	F	Respiratory
54	M	"
25	F	Non Respiratory

Vaccination and Immunisation

These services are provided by the County Council and by General Practitioners in the District. The following figures are quoted by courtesy of the County Medical Officer.

Vaccination against Smallpox

A total number of 30 persons were vaccinated for the first time during the year, and 17 others were re-vaccinated.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis

B.C.G. vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new born infants born into tuberculous households and of tuberculin negative contacts of known cases.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus immunisations

A total number of 33 persons were immunised against Diphtheria during the year, and 33 were immunised against Whooping Cough and 33 were immunised against Tetanus.

National Assistance Act, 1948

No action was taken in respect of any individual under Section 47 of this Act.

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1968.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	=	825
Population (Estimated, mid. 1968)	=	2330
Number of inhabited houses	=	1050
Number of Council owned dwellings	=	200
Rateable Value at 31/3/68	=	£84445
Produce of a one penny rate at 31/3/68	=	£ 333
Number of Council Houses	=	186
Number of flats for the aged	=	6
Number of bungalows for the aged	=	8
Number of new houses erected during the year	=	119
Number of Standard Improvement Grants approved	=	2
Number of Discretionary Improvement Grants approved	=	3

The following is my report for the year 1968.

Refuse Collection.

A weekly collection of refuse was maintained throughout the year from all properties within the Urban District. Few problems in the administration of the service arose.

Refuse Disposal.

The refuse tip, situated at Refail Newydd continues to cause concern. Tipping space becomes ever more restricted and although attempts at control are constantly made, the lack of covering material and mechanisation renders much of the work completely ineffective. Negotiations are well in hand for the joint refuse disposal scheme at Penhesgyn.

Sewerage & Sewage Disposal.

No major alterations took place during the year. No problems arose regarding the four crude sewage outfalls which discharge to the Menai Strait but nevertheless, design work continued on the new Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme, and discussions continued with the various bodies having an interest in the proposed new outfall to the Strait.

Public Conveniences.

Of the two sets of public conveniences in the Town, one, situated on Wood Street continues to be a problem due to its inadequacy and poor structural condition. It is hoped that the coming year will see the completion of new public conveniences adjacent to the new branch library and the consequent closure of the existing ones. The other set has been maintained in a clean and satisfactory condition despite several acts of vandalism.

Food Hygiene.

Hotels, cafes and food premises have been inspected during the year, but it is hoped considerably more time will be available in future so that this important work can be tackled in a more systematic and thorough manner.

Ice Cream.

By far the bulk of ice cream sold within the District is prepacked, the small amount of unpacked being sold by mobile vendors. It is hoped that more time will be available for routine bacteriological sampling in future than hitherto.

Food Poisoning.

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

Rodent Control.

Rodent control in domestic properties continued to be carried out by the Council's rodent operator. Control on the Council's refuse tip and in public sewers continues to be carried out by a private company on a contract basis.

Factories Act.

The number of factories in which section 1-6 are enforced by the Local Authority remained at sixteen. Thirteen inspections were made, no defects of particular note were found.

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises.

Regular inspections of the 76 registered premises continued during the year.

Swimming Pool.

There is no swimming pool within the District. A small children's paddling pool is situated on the Belgian Promenade and maintained during the summer months.

Water Supplies.

All houses in the built-up area of the District are served by a mains water supply provided by the Anglesey County Council. There are a few properties in the outlying areas which rely on wells and springs.

Building Control.

Inspections required by the Building Regulations are carried out by the Department, there being 19 new properties erected during the year.

Petroleum Storage.

Eight premises were licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit during the year, the total amount of petrol stored in the Town being 41,500 gallons. Some of the tanks are believed to be over twenty years old and testing will need to be carried out in future years to verify their good condition, before renewal of licences. There are also several derelict petrol tanks and arrangements were made to have these rendered as safe as possible or removed.

General.

I wish to record my thanks to all members of my Department, especially Miss Dawson, and to the Clerk of the Council and his staff for the ready and willing co-operation during the year. Mr. G. W. Owen was appointed general assistant in my Department on August, 1968. Finally may I express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support.

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